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Rufus K. Day Farmstead
Kemptown vicinity
Private

Ca. 1840; ca. 1890-1930

The Rufus K. Day Farmstead is centered on a frame dwelling of about 1880-1890 and a circa 1840 log dwelling with a frame addition added after the log structure was moved to the current farmstead from another part of the farm, then serving as a domestic and agricultural outbuilding. The farmstead was probably established about 1856-1862 by Rufus K. Day, who was apparently a teacher at the Pleasant Grove School as well as a farmer. The farmstead also contains an early 20th century concrete block smokehouse, two frame chicken houses, a wagon shed/corn crib, a small equipment shed, and a frame bank barn. Most of the outbuildings date from about 1875 to 1930. The frame dwelling is minimally significant for its architecture, a typical late 19th century vernacular residence showing the influence of German building traditions in its five-bay facade, one-story porch, and two-story rear wing. It has a fairly complete scroll-sawn bargeboard, an uncommon surviving feature where many houses have had roof replacements. The log and frame dwelling is also minimally significant, less for its architecture as for its later use in the farmstead as a tobacco processing shed. A previously identified tobacco shed on the Day Farmstead, deteriorated in 1977, has since been demolished.

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Kempton

Frederick County

HISTORIC CONTEXT:

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Geographic Organization: Piedmont

(Harford, Baltimore, Carroll, Frederick, Howard, Montgomery
Counties, and Baltimore City)

Chronological/Development Period:

Agricultural-Industrial Transition, A.D. 1815-1870

Industrial/Urban Dominance, A.D. 1870-1930

Prehistoric/Historic Period Themes:

Architecture, Landscape Architecture and Community Planning

Resource Types:

Category: Building

Historic Environment: Rural

Historic Function and Use:

Domestic/single dwelling/residence

Domestic/secondary structure/smokehouse

Agriculture/subsistence/animal facility/barn

Agriculture/subsistence/animal facility/chicken coop

Agriculture/subsistence/storage/granary

Known Design Source: None

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. F-7-90

Magi No.

DOE ☐ yes ☒ no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Rufus K. Day Farmstead

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 11505 Windsor Road

☐ not for publication

city, town Kemptown

☒ vicinity of

congressional district 6th

state Maryland

county Frederick

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Englandtowne Partnership, Inc.

street & number 4937 Green Valley Road

telephone no.:

city, town Monrovia

state and zip code MD 21770

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Frederick County Courthouse

liber 1801

street & number 100 W. Patrick Street

folio 1051

city, town Frederick

state MD 21701

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date

☐ federal ☐ state ☐ county ☐ local

depository for survey records

city, town

state

7. Description

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Condition		Check one	Check one
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date of move _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

CONTRIBUTING RESOURCE COUNT: 8

The Rufus K. Day Farmstead is an agricultural complex centered on a two-story frame dwelling built about 1880-1890 and its associated domestic and agricultural outbuildings, one of which is a log and frame two-section structure which was the original farmhouse and which was moved to the new farmstead site in the late 1870's or early 1880's. The other contributing outbuildings are a concrete block smokehouse, two frame chicken houses, a frame and stone bank barn, a wagon shed/corn crib, and a small equipment shed. All appear to date from about 1875 to 1920. The farmstead also has several modern non-contributing buildings. It is located south of Windsor Road west of the intersection of Browningsville Road near Kemptown, Frederick County, Maryland. The building group is located on open agricultural fields, but modern housing development along Windsor Road screens the farmstead from the north and the buildings are at a lower elevation than Windsor Road. Modern non-contributing Day family residences border the entrance drive, where a sign for the nursery and landscaping service currently operating on the property is located. Dates for the buildings are based on architectural features, land records, historical maps, and information provided by one of the current owners, Mrs. Robert P. Day.

The frame dwelling faces east and is located near the south end of the farmstead. It has five bays on the east elevation with a one-story porch and two-story rear wing on the west elevation. Its exterior is currently covered with vinyl siding and the roof is composition, replacing the original slate. A single interior chimney is located at the north gable end, although a second chimney at the south gable end was probably in the original roof. The windows are 6/6 flanked by louvred shutters. The modern glazed panel door has a transom and sidelights. A scroll-sawn bargeboard ornaments the eaves on both the main section and the wing. The porch has turned columns and scroll-sawn brackets. The north gable end has only two small attic windows. The two-story rear wing extends from approximately the center of the main section and has porches on both the north and south sides. The north elevation of the wing has a cross gable with a gothic arched gable window. The one-story porch has been enclosed and has a band of 6/6 windows. The two-story south elevation porch is partially enclosed. The interior of the house was inaccessible for this survey.

Smokehouse: The concrete block smokehouse is located just north of the rear wing and has vertical siding in the end gables. A 3/3 window is located in both the north and south elevations. A tongue-and-groove door is in the east elevation and the roof is covered with standing seam metal. The materials suggest that the smokehouse was built possibly as early as the 1920's.

Log/frame house: The two-story, two-section building which was the original farmhouse was moved in about the 1870's or 1880's and is southeast of the dwelling. It is in deteriorated condition and the exterior is covered with german siding on the north. The logs are exposed on the second story of the south elevation. A rebuilt stone chimney base is at the west gable end of the log section. The log building is larger than the frame part on the east end. The wood shingle roof is

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8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates C. 1346; C. 1890-¹⁹³⁰ Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

The Rufus K. Day Farmstead is minimally significant for the architecture of the two dwellings, one a frame building of about 1880-1890 with the typical features of a vernacular, German-influenced house of the period, and the other a deteriorated log and frame building of about 1840 with an addition of about 1880, built after the log section was moved to its current location in the farmstead from another part of the larger farm property. The main dwelling retains most of its original appearance, although vinyl siding and modern roofing have lowered its integrity. The five-bay facade, 6/6 sash with louvred shutters, and one-story porch with brackets and turned columns are characteristic of the late-19th century house, and the scroll-sawn bargeboard is remarkably intact. Although many houses had such roof decorations, most have deteriorated or been removed during replacement construction. The log outbuilding is low in integrity because of its relocation and its deteriorated condition. However, its use as a tobacco processing building gives it some importance in the Urbana Region, once the center of tobacco production in Frederick County. No other historic tobacco barns and processing structures have been identified in the current survey. The only previously inventoried tobacco barn, which stood on the Rufus K. Day Farmstead up to the late 1970's, was demolished due to its hazardous condition.

The farmstead was established by Rufus K. Day about 1856, who purchased several parcels from that date to about 1862 to form the 160 acres which became his "home farm". It does not appear on the 1858 Bond map, but does show on the 1873 Titus Atlas. Little is written about Rufus K. Day in local histories, except that a teacher of the same name was working at the Pleasant Grove School in about the 1850's. The farm has remained in the Day family to the present.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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Land Records of Frederick County
Titus, C.O. Atlas of Frederick County, 1873
Williams, T.J.C., and Folger McKinsey. History of Frederick County, 1910. Reprinted
Baltimore: Regional Publishing Co., 1979, p. 1456.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 5 acresQuadrangle name Urbana, Md.Quadrangle scale 1:24000UTM References ☐ do NOT complete UTM references

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Verbal boundary description and justification

Approximately 5 acres centered on the frame dwelling in the original farmstead on
Tax Map 106, Parcel 1.

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

name/title Janet L. Davis, Historic Sites Surveyororganization Frederick County Planning & Zoning Dept. date January 1994street & number 12 E. Church Street telephone 696-2958city or town Frederick state MD 21701

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7.1 Description (Continued)

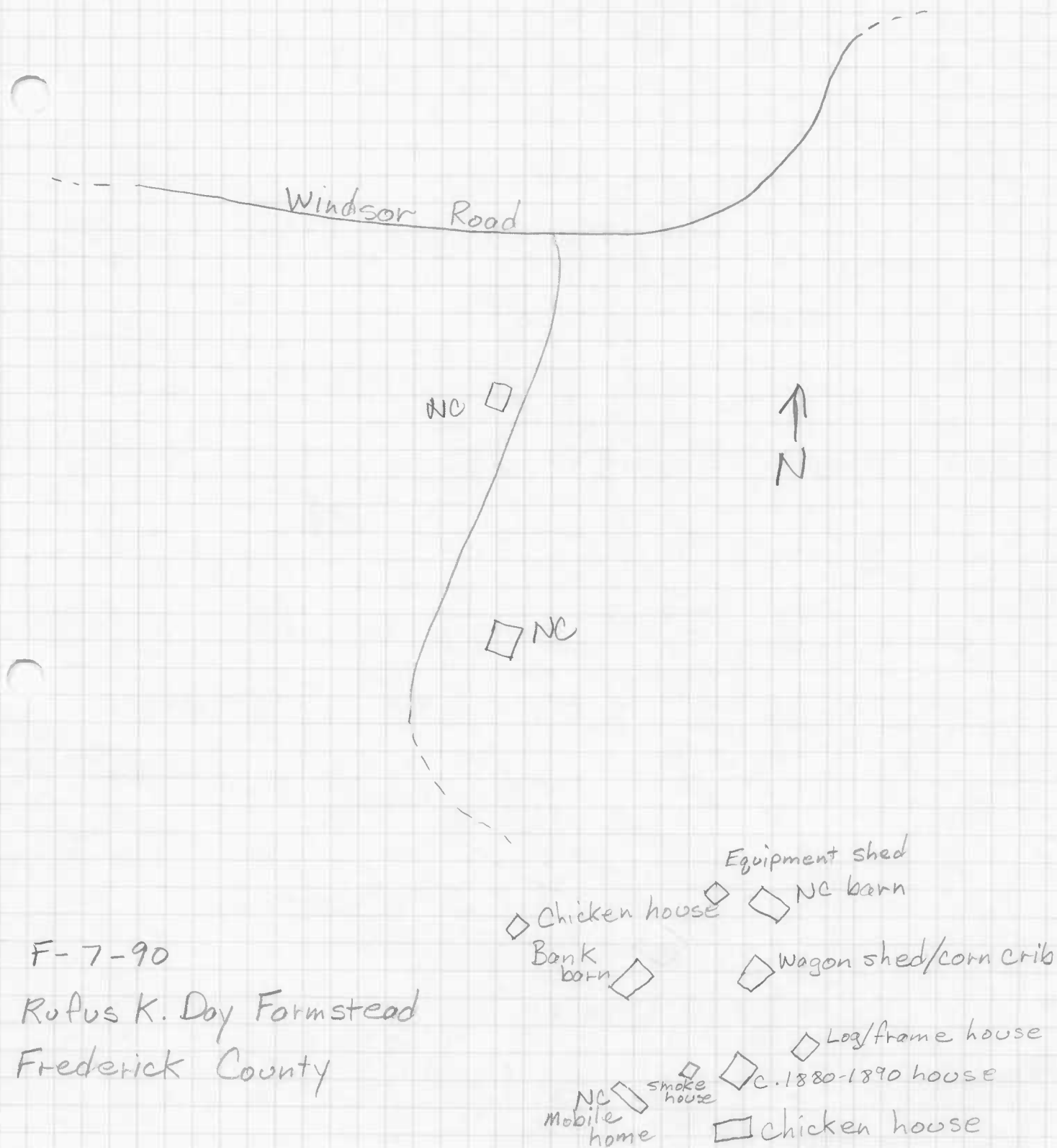
covered with sheet metal. On the south elevation is a doorway with a 4-panel door flanked by a single 6/6 window. The north elevation has only a central doorway with a four-panel door. The orientation of the house in its original location is unknown, but the south elevation appears to have been the main entrance. The upper level has no openings except two windows flanking the missing chimney stack. The sash is also missing. The interior may have had two rooms separated by a center partition, with staircases in the northeast and southwest corners. After its relocation, the house served as a tobacco stripping room and has been a storage building from several years. Also after the move in the late 19th century, a two-story, two-bay frame extension was built on the east gable end. It has german siding and a 4-panel door on the north, flanked by a boarded window opening. The second story windows are 2/2. An interior end chimney is at the east gable. The roof on the frame section is corrugated metal. The plaster interior walls of both sections of the house are heavily covered with the hand-written inscriptions and initials of several generations of the Day family and others, although no clearly legible name or date was seen.

Chicken houses: One frame chicken house is located southwest of the main dwelling and a second house is located north of the house in the agricultural group. Both have vertical siding and corrugated metal roofs. The house nearer the dwelling is partially covered with asphalt siding and faces southwest. It is at least partially used currently as a dog kennel. The second chicken house has narrow tongue-and-groove siding. Both were probably built during the first quarter of the 20th century.

Bank barn: The frame bank barn appears to have been built about 1890-1900. It has tongue-and-groove siding with louvred vents. On the east elevation, the stall level is enclosed with horizontal boards. Two deteriorated cupolas are on the ridge of the corrugated metal roof. Double sliding doors are on the west elevation.

Wagon shed/corn crib: The frame wagon shed with flanking corn cribs southwest of the barn was also built about 1890, having the same tongue-and-groove siding as the barn, with horizontal siding on the crib sides. The roof is corrugated metal. The structure is still in use as a corn crib, although at present the central wagon passage is currently filled with corn and a belt loader is in use.

Equipment shed: The shed stands just north of the barn and has a gable roof with corrugated metal sheets and an open end facing west. The siding is vertical boards. Adjoining the shed on the north is a small additional covered space with an open entrance on the west and a shed metal roof. The building appears to date from about 1900.



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Janet Davis

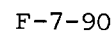
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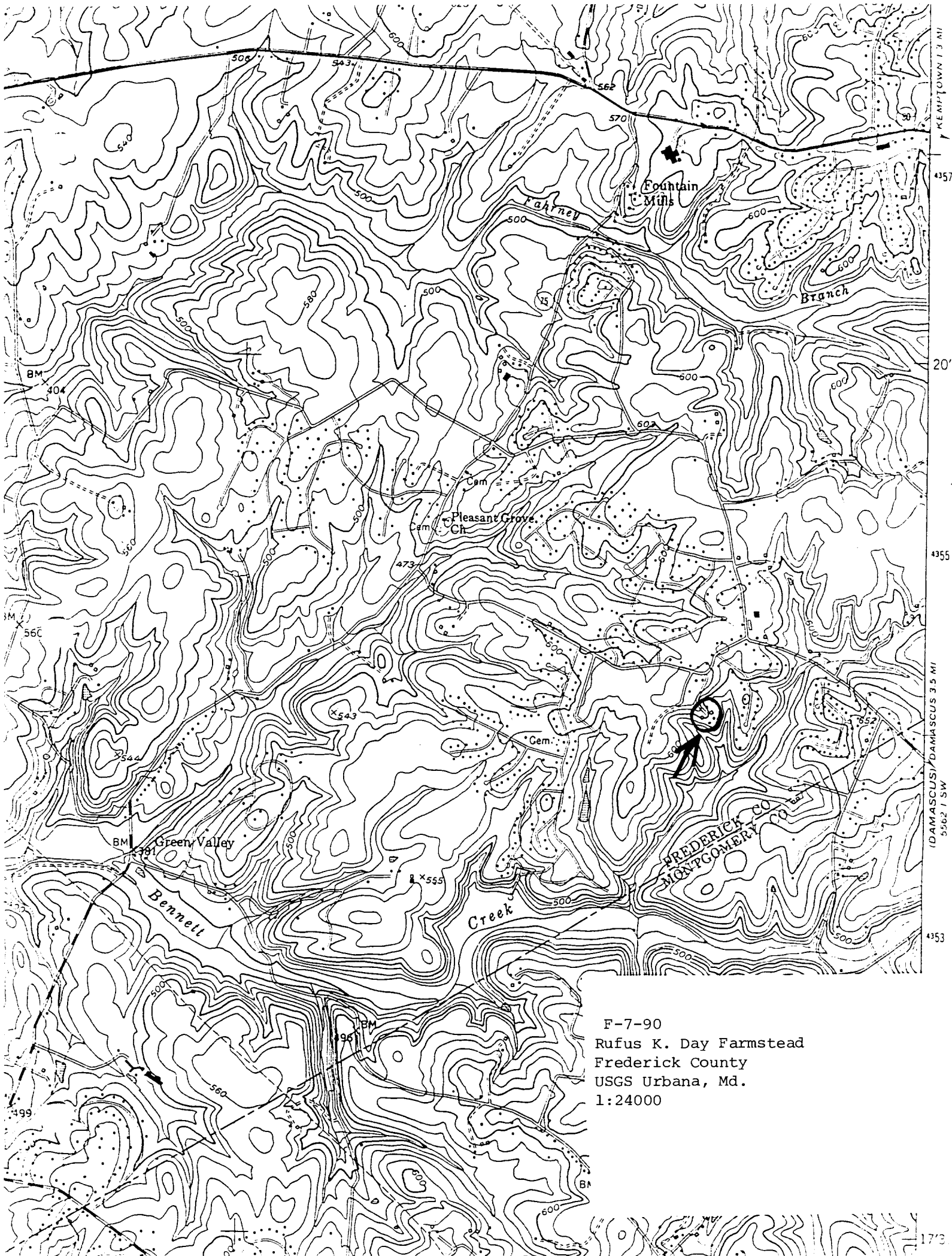
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1774/880 12 Mar 92	Doris Jane Watkins et al	Robert P. Day & Rosa M. Day, Doris Jane Watkins et al		
1699/139 27 Mar 91	Robert P. Day et al	Maude E. Day	"Home Farm"	\$275,000
469/95 4 Feb 48	H. Perry & Maude E. Day	James S. Day widower	"Home Farm" 160 A. parts of "The Range", "Partnership", "Rich Barrens"	\$6500
397/161 26 Sept 14	James S. Day	Litus G. Day & Latimer W. Day, execs, et al	Will Record CES 11/387 Rufus K. Day "Home Farm" 160 A.	\$6,000
ES 7/637 18 Sept 1856	Rufus K. Day et ux Ann P. Day	Mary A. Lawson	see also deeds dated 25 Aug 1862, W.P. Lawson to Rufus K. Day & 18 Sept 1856 Luther M. Browning to Rufus K. Day ES 7/637 96 A. parts of "The Range" & "Partnership"	\$100
ES 7/637 18 Sept 1856	Rufus K. Day et ux	Luther M. & Harriet Browning	"Rich Barrens" 84 1/2 A. 24 1/2 A. p.	

Scale 1/6 inches to the mile



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C.O. Titus, Atlas of Frederick
County, 1873



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USGS Urbana, Md.
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